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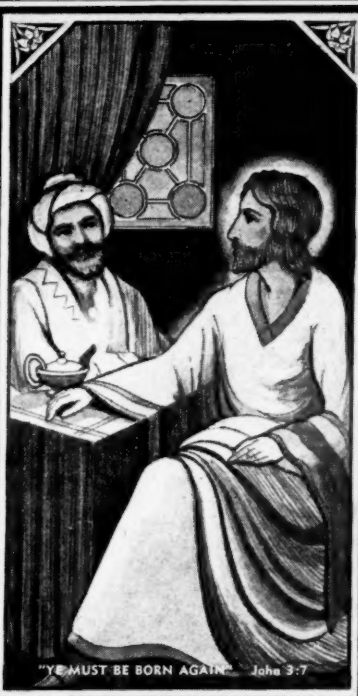
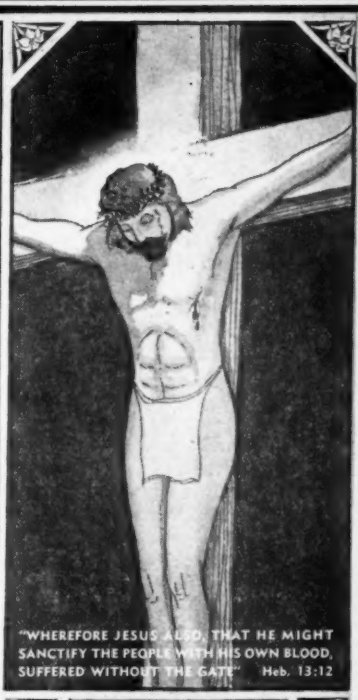


"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN" John 3:7



"WHEREFORE JESUS ALSO, THAT HE MIGHT SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, SUFFERED WITHOUT THE GATE" Heb. 13:12

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JUDGE NOT

Judge not: the working of his brain
And of his heart thou canst not see;
What looks to thy dim eyes a stain,
In God's pure light may only be
A scar, brought from some well fought field
Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

The look, the air, that frets thy sight,
May be a token that below
The soul has closed in deadly fight
With some internal fiery foe,
Whose glance would scorch thy smiling grace,
And cast thee shuddering on thy face.

—Author Unknown.

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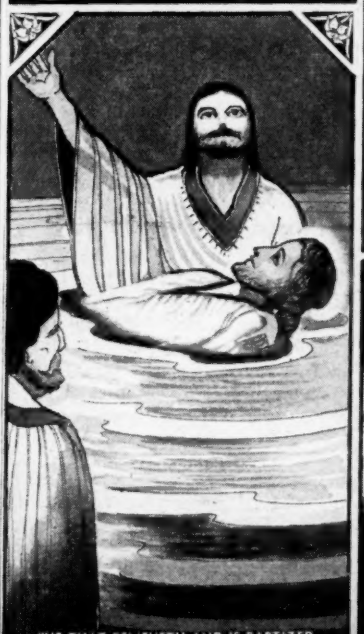

"HE THAT BELIEVETH AND IS BAPTIZED SHALL BE SAVED" Mark 16:16

"AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST, AND BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES" Acts 2:4

"THE CHURCH OF GOD, WHICH HE HATH PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD" Acts 20:28

NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

To our many friends over the different states: Our address will be Princeton, W. Va., Gen. Del. during the Christmas holidays, as there were some who were wanting our address. May God give you each a double portion of His Spirit and power.—G. C. Smith and wife.

I would like to be in evangelistic work just after Christmas. Anyone wishing my help may write to the following address.—Pearl Auten, 912 7th St., S. W., Washington, D. C.

My wife and I are in a meeting at Carey, Ohio. After this we will be open for calls. We prefer West Virginia and Ohio or close by just now. We have been working for years but recently gave up our home to obey God's call. Sister Elliott was wonderfully healed recently and we want everyone to know about healing of body and soul. References: Brother J. Lavender, Lancaster, Ohio; Brother Roy Marcum, Columbus, Ohio.—W. J. Elliott, 625 Boyd St., Lancaster, Ohio.

This is to notify all the members of the Church of God at Brilliant, Ala. that we are trying to raise our aged ministers' fund of ten cents per member by Dec. 24. We would like for all members to come bring or send it and let's have it one hundred per cent.—Marvin McCombs, Rt. 1, Winfield, Ala.

There will be a fellowship meeting the 18th of December at the Brownfield Church of God. There will be all-day service. All the near-by churches are invited to attend. We want to raise our aged ministers' fund and more at this time. All of the members who are away or don't live near the church, please send in yours by that time.—O. Gregory, pastor, Rt. 3, Brownfield, Tex.

This is to notify the Y. P. E's of Mississippi that the banner for the month of November went to the Oak Ridge Y. P. E. with Allen Chapel coming second. I wonder who will receive it this month.

Sunday Schools, get your reports in. Your banner will be ready to be rewarded the last of this month. Who will be the first to receive this banner? It makes me rejoice way down in my heart to know that our people in Mississippi are putting forth everything possible to carry these two auxiliaries over the top for Jesus and His Church.

Come on, Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools, let's make this one of the best years that Mississippi has ever known.—Roy Douglas, Box 947, Hattiesburg, Miss.

There will be an all-day service at the Cave City, Ark. Church of God Christmas day, the 25th of December. Everybody come and bring your singers and music and let's enjoy the day for the Lord. We will be looking for you. There will be special speakers. — William French, Cave City, Ark.

To whom it may concern: I have changed my address from Blairsville, Ga. to Titus, Ga.—J. L. Harrison.

REVIVALS

"O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years," Hab. 3:2.

DOUBLE SPRINGS, Ala.—Another revival was closed here at Pine Grove, four miles east of Double Springs, Ala., on Oct. 6, for which we are praising God. Brother W. G. Pearson was in charge. There were two saved, two sanctified, two filled with the precious Holy Ghost and eight added to the dear old Church of God. Praise His sweet name. We praise God for the way the church here is progressing. Pray for us that the church will stay in unity and fellowship and let that wonderful brotherly love continue.—George Dyer, clerk.

CANTWELL, Mo.—A revival just closed here with seventeen saved, eleven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and I don't know how many sanctified. Brother G. W. Messer, our pastor, ran the meeting. His messages were fine and we surely enjoyed them. We love our pastor and his wife. She is president of our Y. P. E. and to say that she is encouraging is putting it light. Our young people are going over the top for God.

It was our privilege to enjoy the presence of Brother R. P. Johnson, our assistant General Overseer, the first two nights. It seemed that all with one voice expressed their appreciation for the two sermons God delivered through him. They were so inspiring! Brother H. L. Marcum, state overseer, preached the last few nights of the services. These messages were food to our souls. On the last day of the meeting in the afternoon we observed the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The Holy Ghost was in charge. That night our state overseer preached and the saints were rejoicing almost all over the house. Pray for us that we will work for God and be ready to go when Jesus comes or calls.—Adelphia Hammock.

JAMAICA, B. W. I.—A very successful revival has just closed at the Church of God at Jones Hill, St. Elizabeth, with our pastor, C. A. McIntosh, in charge. The meeting started Oct. 31 and closed Nov. 6. For five days we had a long struggle with the enemy, but we never stopped praying and on the sixth day we had a real victory and our souls were wonderfully blessed. We surely thank the Lord for the wonderful messages which were delivered by various speakers, including our dear pastor.

We were visited by many of the saints from Fairlook, Mt. View, Tampa and Accompong Churches of God during the meeting. The Lord's presence and power was felt throughout the entire service and the saints encouraged to press on. Four were filled with the Holy Ghost, I being among the number. The revival proved a great blessing to the saints.

Please pray for me, also remember our dear pastor who is a faithful worker, and pray that God may bless his churches and make them shine.—Morris A. Green.

SHAMROCK, Tex.—We have just closed a very successful revival at Shamrock, Tex. which was an old time, Holy Ghost revival. Brother J. D. Coleman, who just recently came into the Church of God, was the evangelist. He did some very fine preaching and good crowds attended almost every service. We had seven to receive the Holy Ghost, three sanctified and three saved. The Shamrock Church of God was blessed spiritually and is on fire for God. There were devils cast out, crying with loud voices as in Bible times.—Charlie Neal, pastor.

Christmas is near! Please include your orphans with your gifts.

THOMASVILLE, N. C.—We truly feel so very thankful for a three weeks' revival that has just closed here in Thomasville. We had been praying for an old time revival and God answered our prayers. We feel definitely sure that the Lord sent the Verrico evangelistic party from Pittsburgh, Pa., to conduct these meetings. Brother Verrico was gloriously used in giving out the messages in power and demonstrations. Some nights the Holy Ghost would take complete charge of the service and without any preaching the altar would fill up with hungry seekers. About forty were saved, a goodly number sanctified, fourteen filled with the Holy Ghost, four added to the church, and seven baptized in water. If you are looking for a real, consecrated, devoted evangelist I can sincerely and highly recommend Brother Roland Verrico. They can be reached by the address given below.—J. L. Hathcock, pastor, 10 E. Sunrise Ave.

THOMASVILLE, Ga. — We praise God for the way He is blessing here in Thomasville. The work is moving on. We have just closed a five weeks' re-

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Leaders Among Men

BY T. S. PAYNE

When the Israelites had drifted away from God and had sunken to such low levels during the period of the Judges, and the tribes were scattered, weakened and disorganized, a child was born whose name was Samuel. This child was brought up under the very best instruction because he was to become a great example and leader in the kingdom of Israel.

It had been left for him to preserve the ideals of his nation and save the people from the heathenism which surrounded them. He became the connecting link between the period of the Judges and the monarchy—the last and the greatest of the Judges and the first of the prophets. He was born in Ramah, only a few miles north of Bethlehem, and was educated at Shiloh, then the religious capital of Israel.

If you want to read one of the most beautiful stories of all time, read the narrative of his mother's "lending him to the Lord" to serve in the temple.

As this boy grew up the Lord was graciously with him and all Israel seemed to know that he was destined to become one of God's prophets. The secret of his glorious triumphs can well be based on the fact that he was a man of much prayer. When he was in trouble, he "cried unto the Lord all night long." When painful words had pierced his tender heart and it was sorely bleeding, he never repeated these words until he told them unto the Lord in humble prayer. It was Samuel who said, "Far be it from me that I should sin against Jehovah in ceasing to pray for you." He never failed to carry out the meaning of his name—"Heard of God." His people could ask in surprise, "Is Saul among the prophets?" but they never asked, "Is Samuel among those who pray?" At Psalms 99:6 he is listed among those that "call upon God." At Jeremiah 15: 1 he is coupled with Moses as "standing before Jehovah."

The Church of God today is in need of just such men as Samuel. We need to pray much. A revival such as has never been known, is needed to sweep over the land. Samuel brought about a great revival in Israel. He made it plain to the people that three things MUST be done.

First, the decree went forth that, the people must put away their strange gods. This was their first step toward the revival. It is the first step toward a revival now, and if that step is not taken there will be no revival. There is great need of reconsecration and a complete dying out to the things of the world, to self-exaltation and desire for leadership. We may not have any graven images, but it is easy to be affected by materialistic luxuries and indulgences of modern times. All of these must be cast out of the heart before God can bring us to the place where He can trust and use us.

Second, the people must turn to God and direct their hearts toward Him. False gods must be cast out and the Holy God must be exalted. Just to cast out their false gods was not enough. Samuel's first suggestion was "Don't." His second was "Do."

Third, they must serve Jehovah. Their faith must ripen into works. Any other faith is a dead faith. Any kind of revival that does not culminate in spiritual service, degenerates into sentimentality. God not only wants us to be good, but He wants us to be good for something.

The only hope for the people of this earth is the power of God. It is the only thing that will save this world from chaos.

Every Christian on earth should arm himself with the Sword of the Spirit, taking the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the breastplate of righteousness and do his part for God and His Church.

Modern civilization will soon go the way of all previous civilizations. Then the Church of God is our only hope for a refuge from the terrible storm that is soon to break in upon this earth.

The time came in Israel when the people demanded a king. They wanted to be like the nations that surrounded them. If we should come to the place where we want to be like those by whom we are surrounded, it will be high time for our leaders to "cry aloud" and "lift up a standard for the people." O thou "watchman on the wall, hold out thy peace day nor night"!

When these people cried for the king that God had not ordained for them to have, Samuel warned them in unmistakable terms. They did not know the king whom they desired would compel their sons to be his personal retainers to drive his chariots and ride his horses to war, to run before his equipage and announce his coming, to lead his soldiers, to till his ground, and manufacture his swords and spears. They did not know their daughters would soon become perfumers, cooks and other kinds of servants. They were ignorant of the fact that the best of the fields, vineyards and orchards would be seized, together with their horses and cattle. In short, they soon became slaves to the king and cried in vain to God for deliverance. Yet in spite of Samuel's fatherly warning they still persisted in their request.

SAUL, THE FIRST KING

Saul was a good man in the beginning of his career. He had a burning desire to please God. There were others also whom he desired to please. These others were not godly people, and soon Saul came to the parting of the ways and had to make a decision as all others do who follow God. His decision was a part-time service. I will obey God part of the time and have my own way the remainder of the time. Some men are very easily touched. Impressions are easily made, but it seems they are not fixed or established and soon return to what they were before.

Saul tried to serve both God and mammon. He assumed that God would be satisfied with the beginnings of obedience and would pardon a small remnant of personal desire. When we have fallen victim to some contagious disease and have been able to shake it off and recover, there still remains the germs of that same malady lurking in our clothing and in our home. The entire premises and clothing must be fumigated in order that the same trouble may not affect others. If we retain but one rag it is an acknowledgment of the sovereignty of disease; and for us to have even a slight communion with the evil one is to pay homage to his throne.

It is a fact that if we spare what God has commanded us to destroy, it will later destroy us. We should be careful to take care of our obedience; we are serving an exacting, though loving and merciful God!

Partial obedience is equal to complete disobedience. Trivial acts of sin, especially when repeated, are only the ripe fruits of deep-seated evil. The tiny shoot of a plant, barely peeping through the soil, has nothing to show how deeply the roots are seated in the earth.

Poor old Saul! He reached the middle of his career with one blemish upon his character. We think now of several men who have fought valiantly on the field for God and His Church, but who later gave themselves over to grumbling and faultfinding, decided they could get along by simply doing only a part of what the Church stands for. Some of these men, like Saul, have died, as it were, on their own swords. They gave up the use of the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and began to fight with their own sword, in their own name and in their own strength. No wonder some people die in disgrace with no hope of rest beyond the grave.

Much more depends upon how our lives end than how they begin. Matthew began as a publican and ended as an

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EDITORIALS

Christ's Present Work For His People

HE SAVES THEM

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life," Rom. 5: 8-10.

It was through the death of Christ that the plan of redemption was perfected. The Jews had favor with God and a plan was given them by which they could have redemption or be justified in the sight of God. But this plan didn't make the comers thereunto perfect, so God provided a better way, not only to perfect the salvation of the Jews but the Gentiles, or the whole world should be partakers of the sacrifice of Christ. So Paul is setting forth this great doctrine to the Romans and telling them of Christ's death and sacrifice, and explaining how they may be partakers of Christ, and that by faith they can be completely justified in Christ.

HE APPEARS FOR THEM

"It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but unto heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us," Heb. 9:23, 24.

Jesus was our pattern and it became necessary for Him to set us an example of purity. As our earthly tabernacle must be put off and the soul kept in the heavens until the earthly tabernacle or body can be resurrected and glorified, so it was for this cause that Christ entered into the heavens or holy place to appear before the Father to make intercession for the people of earth.

Physical death is the consequence of sin. Eternal death is the destruction of the soul, or eternal punishment, and Christ lifted this curse and made it possible for all those who look to Him by faith to have this blessing, therefore, He is our intercessor.

HE MAKES INTERCESSION

"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us," Rom. 8:34.

When Stephen was stoned the heavens were opened and he saw Jesus standing on the right hand of the Father. Here Paul tells us He is at the right hand of the Father, and we learn by this and other scriptures that Jesus is making intercession for His people. The Israelites were the born children of God and they too must accept Christ if they are to receive the blessings that He brings. The Gentiles are also the spiritual children of Abraham by faith, so the entire population of the earth may receive these blessings that Jesus has provided and made it possible for us to receive. He is by far more interested in our spiritual welfare than we can be ourselves, and the Holy Ghost, as the agent of God to lead us into the things that will bless and secure the soul, is always ready to help us and all we have to do is to be willing to receive them and they are ours by faith.

HE KEEPS THEM

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen," Jude 20-25.

We are to keep ourselves in the love of Christ by accepting and obeying the Word and letting the Holy Ghost direct us. There is one thing we must do as Christians. We must love our brothers and sisters, and regardless of their condition we must try to help them. Yes, we may be able to pull some who are tried and tempted out of the fire of trials, as it were. We think the twenty-third verse has reference to the eternal punishment that some are snatched from by the prayers and efforts of others, more than to the fiery trials and temptations; but we as workers together with Him can be a blessing to those who are having fiery trials, by praying and counseling with them concerning the things that are trying them. But most of all we must solely rely upon Him who is able to keep us from falling. This proves more than ever to the mind of the writer that all will be tried. Men may boast of their power to walk over temptations, and harshly criticize others along this line, but if they are not careful the enemy will turn a storm of trials against them and it will take their friends and the crucified Savior to keep them from falling. When we make our boast as to our power and strength to resist the powers of the enemy, we are sure to have a trial along this line. The only safe thing is to consider others and with meekness and fear declare that God is able, through His Son, to keep us.

HE CLEANSES THEM

"Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression," Psa. 19:12, 13.

There is nothing so helpful to a Christian as to know his own weakness and realize his own faults. The Psalmist seems to cry out of the agony of his heart to be cleansed from secret faults; also presumption is a great sin and it is so easy for one to decide that certain things are true when many times there is no foundation for them.

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God," 2 Cor. 7:1.

We haven't the power to cleanse ourselves apart from the plan of salvation. The sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross will not cleanse us unless we accept it and turn our whole hearts toward God and fully accept the sacrifice of Christ, and by so doing we can, through the aid of the Spirit, cleanse ourselves from everything that is sinful and unlike God.

The PERRY-SCOPE

Treasures—New and old From Far and Near

Conducted by SAM C. PERRY, 52 N. W. 35th St., Miami, Fla.

The Martyrdom of Polycarp

We believe the following story of the martyrdom of Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, which occured in or about the year of our Lord 167 will be of interest to our readers. The following account is condensed from Miller's Church History:

The admirable Polycarp, when he heard of the cruelties practiced in the bloody persecution then carried on, was quite unmoved, and resolved to remain in the city. But, induced by the entreaties of his people, he retired to a village at no great distance; and there, with a few friends, he spent his time entirely, day and night, in praying, according to his usual custom, for all the churches in the world. Three days before he was seized he had a vision while he was praying: He saw his pillow consumed by fire; and turning to the company, he said prophetically, "I must be burned alive!" Upon hearing that the persons in search of him were just at hand, he retired to another village. Immediately the officers came to his house, and not finding him they seized two servants, one of whom was induced by torture to confess the place of his retreat. Taking the servant as their guide, they went out about supper time, with their usual arms, as against a robber; and arriving late, they found him lying in an upper room at the end of the house, whence he might have made his escape, but he would not, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

When he was brought to the tribunal, the proconsul asked him if he was Polycarp, to which he assented. The proconsul then began to exhort him to have pity on his great age, and to swear by the fortune of Caesar, to reproach Christ, and he would release him. Polycarp gave him this ever memorable reply: "Eighty and six years have I served him and he hath never wronged me, and how can I blaspheme my King who hath saved me?" The proconsul still urging, "Swear by the fortune of Caesar." Polycarp said, "If you still vainly contend to make me swear by the fortune of Caesar, as you speak, affecting an ignorance of my real character, hear me frankly declaring what I am: *"I am a Christian."* "I have wild beasts," said the proconsul, "I will expose you to them, unless you repent." "Call them," replied the martyr. "I will tame your spirit by fire," said the proconsul, "since you despise the wild beasts, unless you repent." "You threaten me with fire," answered Polycarp, "which burns for a moment, and will be soon extinct; but you are ignorant of the future judgment and of the fire of eternal punishment reserved for the ungodly. But why do you delay? do what you please."

The proconsul then sent the herald to proclaim thrice, in the midst of the Assembly—"Polycarp hath professed himself a Christian." Upon this all the multitude, both of Gentiles and Jews, who dwelt at Smyrna, with insatiate rage shouted aloud, "This is the doctor of Asia, the father of Christians, the subverter of our gods, who hath taught many not to sacrifice nor to adore." They now begged Philip the Asiarch to let out a lion against Polycarp. But he refused, observing that the amphitheatrical spectacles of the wild beasts were finished. They then unanimously shouted that he should be burned alive! The business was executed with all possible speed; for the people immediately gathered fuel from the workshops and baths, in which the Jews distinguished themselves with their usual malice. As soon as the fagots were collected, he stripped off his clothes and loosed his girdle. Immediately the usual appendages of burning were placed about him, and when they had proceeded to fasten him to the stake, he said, "Let me remain as I am; for he who giveth me strength to sustain the fire, will enable me also, without your securing me with nails, to remain unmoved in the fire." Upon this they bound him without nailing him; and he, putting his hands behind him, and being bound, offered to Almighty God the following prayer: "O Father of thy beloved and blessed Son Jesus Christ, through whom we have attained the knowledge of thee, O God of angels and principalities and of all creation, and of all the just who live in thy sight, I bless thee that thou hast counted me worthy of this day and this hour, to receive my portion in the number of martyrs, in the cup of Christ, for the resurrection to eternal life, both of soul and body, in the incorruption of the Holy Ghost; among whom I may be received before thee this day as a sacrifice well savored and acceptable, which thou, the faithful and true God, hast prepared, promised beforehand and fulfilled accordingly. Wherefore I praise thee for all those things, I bless thee, I glorify thee, by the eternal high priest Jesus Christ, thy well-beloved Son, through whom, with Him in the Holy Spirit, be glory to thee both now and forever. Amen."

When he had finished his prayer, the officers lighted the fire, and a great flame bursting out and forming the appearance of an arch, was a wall round about the body of the martyr, which was in the midst, not as burning flesh, but as gold and silver refined in the furnace. At length, the infuriated people, observing that this body could not be consumed by fire, called to the officer, whose business it was, in the Roman games, to dispatch any beast that was unruly or dangerous, to approach and to plunge his sword into his body. Upon this, a quantity of blood gushed out, so that the fire was extinguished; and the immortal spirit of the venerable saint fled to the mansions of everlasting rest and glory and felicity.

Reading and Thinking

It is not hasty reading, but seriously meditating upon holy and heavenly truths, that makes them prove sweet and profitable to the soul. It is not the bee's touching of the flowers that gathers the honey, but her abiding for a time upon them and drawing out the sweet. It is not he that reads most, but he that meditates most, that will prove the choicest, sweetest, wisest and strongest Christian.—*M. M.*

An aged Christian was once asked by some thoughtless people, why he deprived himself of so many worldly pleasures. "It is all very well," said they, "to serve God but you ought to serve yourself too." "That is the very thing," replied he, "that I am trying after; for I have long since found out that I get ten times more in obeying God than I do in obeying my own evil heart."

Well it has been said: "Socialism's creed is this—*All thine is mine.* Christianity's creed is this—*All mine is thine.* But the Christian's creed is of all mockeries the dreariest *unless it is lived.* Irritating, aggravating, sickening are such sentiments when they are but pious utterances only and not grand realities. And they of old went forth as their Master did—to live it.

"The Fiery Trial"

1 Peter 4:12-14

"A blessing is in it." Isa. 65:8.

"A blessing for you." 1 Sam. 30:26 (margin).

"A blessing . . . . because the Lord thy God loved thee." Deut. 23:5.

"A blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

"Take a blessing." 2 Kings 5:15.

"The blessing." Psa. 24:5; 133:3.

"And ye shall be a blessing." Zech. 8:13.

"Even a blessing in the midst of the land." Isa. 19:24.—*A. C. M. Brown.*

News From the Mission Field

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:15.

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

NASSAU, N. P. A NEEDY FIELD

PAUL H. WALKER
Foreign Mission Field Representative

The day after Thanksgiving I boarded a plane from Miami, Fla. for Nassau, making my first trip to the Bahamas in behalf of the mission cause. Of course, I was anxious to find out the condition of things and to lend any assistance I could. The plane was a trimotor plane and was fully able to carry its burden. Soon we were out in Biscayne Bay and then she began to climb into the sky and we were off for Nassau.

We had a great trip. The plane soared in fog banks, rain and sunshine. Soon we were able to see land and were coming near Nassau, a beautiful little island about fifteen miles wide and twenty-five miles long and having a population of about 22,000 people, mostly colored. When we landed we were met by several smiling faces who gave us a hearty welcome. Brother W. R. Franks, the state overseer, was on hand, also Brother Gates, and they showed us to our place of stay which was in Brother Gates' home. I soon saw that we were driving on the left side of the street instead of the right side as we do in the United States. The dray lines were not run by big trucks but were drawn by little donkeys. Most of the people travel on foot or bike. Most everyone we passed was very courteous and spoke to us.

OUR FIRST SERVICE

The first service was held in the Fowler Street church and was well attended. All seemed to be free in the Spirit and the Lord met with us graciously. All listened attentively to the message and appeared to be blessed. We preached at the district convention at East Street church to a well-filled house. Surely the Lord blessed in the meeting. I never have received a greater welcome anywhere I do not think, than I received in Nassau. Surely the people are hungry for the gospel and there is much work to be done. If the mission fund would permit we could easily use several good evangelists in Nassau. Brother Franks is on the go all the time, as well as others, but they are just a few and finance is poor insomuch that it is hard for most of the workers to do as they would like.

You in the United States can rest assured that your help for the mission cause is much appreciated in Nassau and has made a great showing here. Many have been saved and good church property acquired. Eternity alone will reveal the good you have done in helping the cause of God in Nassau with your money. We will soon sail for Abaco Island and will report the work there next. Pray for us.

S. O. S.! CALLING ALL MISSIONARIES! S. O. S.!

The Cause of Alarm and a Call to Arms

To all Church of God missionaries everywhere: Greetings.

You are all familiar with the universal distress signal—"S. O. S."—sent over the wireless in time of calamity, so I am using this code in calling your attention to certain conditions existing relative to the mission page in The Church of God Evangel.

On my arrival in Central America I received eight copies of the paper, representing as many consecutive weekly issues. I was glad, of course, to receive this messenger of truth that has been coming to my address for nearly twenty years, but I must confess I was disagreeably surprised, and moreover, greatly alarmed, when I discovered that only two of these Evangels carried brief missionary reports. This should not be, brethren. Our people in the homeland have caught the vision; they are possessed with the spirit of missions. The fires are burning and need to be fanned into a flame that will burn into the uttermost parts of the earth with such fury that the enemy's firebreaks will seem as nothing while the sparks fly upward. You know how you can fold a piece of paper and fan a smoltering fire into a flame, and the more you fan, the brighter the fire burns. We missionaries should be veritable firebrands in the hands of the Lord, and once the fires are started, I believe He wants us to use our fans and thus see the flames mount upward.

Taking all this into consideration, I believe there is due cause of alarm and I am therefore issuing a general call to arms, asking each of you to arm yourself with a pen or pencil and write a missionary article for the paper. Perhaps you have never tried out your talent as a writer, if so, why not make an effort now? Our people are behind the mission cause with their prayers and finance now as never before in the history of the Church, and we must keep them informed of our activities on the field. They will be anxious to know where you are and what you are doing in your corner of the vineyard, and especially what the Lord is doing for you and yours. When the Evangel comes out with the good news from countries afar, it will serve as a fan and the fires on the heart's altar of those who read are sure to burn just a bit brighter, just as if you had folded the paper and fanned a literal fire into a flame.

Let us give the postman in Sevierville, Tenn. something to do, as well as our mission secretary. As Superintendent of Education, Brother Tharp is a very busy man, having direct charge of the central Bible School and indirect care of several state schools, giving his spare time to the work of mission secretary as a service of love, but he, too, has caught the vision long since and has a real missionary message as well, so we can depend on him, and I believe we can depend on you. Send all material for publication to Zeno C. Tharp, mission secretary, c/o Church of God Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.—Yours in Christ for all, J. H. Ingram, ex-general missionary and foreign missions representative.

P. S. You will understand that my main source of information is cut off since I am not in the general mission work this year and thus do not expect to hear from me so often as before, but you can count on me nevertheless in passing on any worth-while thoughts through the medium of the printed page.

Annual District Convention

HARBOUR ISLAND, Bah.—The 22nd annual district convention at Harbour Island started at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, and continued until a late hour on Sunday night, the 13th.

This was a grand and glorious event and all the services seemed to be freighted with the power and love of God and the blessed Trinity was with us to help and to bless.

Our dear overseer, Brother Wm. R. Franks, presided over this meeting and his exhortations and teachings were a great blessing to the various churches represented and also of great interest to outsiders as well. Dear Brother Leon Ferguson, a very young preacher, accompanied our overseer on this trip and his messages were unctionized by the blessed Holy Spirit and very uplifting to the saints. Also our local ministers rendered excellent service with their timely themes and beautiful short talks. On Sunday morning we had a model Sunday School and our dear overseer was the superintendent. We are surely glad to see our state overseer so very much interested in Sunday School and young people's meetings. On Sunday afternoon we had a sacred program rendered by the Sunday Schools and other young people; this was a very glorious meeting

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BIBLE SCHOOL ECHOES

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God," 2 Tim. 2:15.

NAMES AND AMOUNTS PAID BY THE FOLLOWING ON THE BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

S. J. Wood, $50.00; Zana E. Wright, $10.00; Zeno C. Tharp, $50.00; J. B. Ellis, $21.00; J. H. Walker, $50.00; Mrs. Margaret Helman $25.00; T. L. Dorman, $5.00; No name, $10.00; No name, $1.00; R. P. Johnson, $50.00; Ralph Tedder, $10.00; J. L. Hathcock, $10.00; J. M. Snyder, $5.00; John L. Stephens, $50.00; E. J. Boehmer, $35.00; Mrs. Ela Dillard. $50.00; D. R. Butler, $2.00; Max L. Atkins, $10.00; R. R. Walker, $50.00; A. M. Sapp, $15.00; C. M. Padgett, $2.00; E. E. Simmons, $2.00; Mrs. Minnie Beatty, $1.00; S. T. Duckworth, $1.00; Mrs. Douglas, $0.25; John Connatser, $10.00; E. M. Ellis, $50.00; Sister Flora Trim, $10.00; E. C. Jennings, $3.18; P. F. Fritz, $25.00; Mrs. L. B. Moody, $1.00; H. N. Scoggins, $10.00; Ralph Koshewitz, $5.00; H. L. Whittington, $50.00; Brother Loveway, $3.00; J. W. Busby, $2.00; Gertrude Alexander, $5.00; Lemuel Johnson, $15.00; E. N. Lovin, $5.00; Johnnie C. Moore, $1.75; Linwood Jacobs, $5.00; Stuart White, $5.00; Clyde Atkins, $6.25; Rosa Lee Phillips, $4.00; W. H. Ward, $7.10; F. L. Muller, $3.50; H. E. Ramsey, $50.00; J. C. Padgett, $8.00; Fred Chambers, $10.00; L. T. Bolen, $3.00; Rinda Ramey, $10.72; U. D. Tidwell, $50.00; F. D. Hardee, $2.34; T. A. Richard, $25.00; B. J. Pharr, $10.00; Louise Bell, $2.00; Gertrude Palmer, $1.00; Fred Allen, $10.00; H. N. Scoggins, $15.00; Frances Dekle, $7.50; R. H. Walker, $6.00; J. P. Peoples, $2.00; H. O. Harris, $5.00; Max Brandt, $15.38; Archie McWilliams, $4.91; Willis Carden, $5.00; W. L. Shires, $4.20; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaw, $1.00; Mrs. Henrietta Keith, $5.00; R. C. Hodge, $10.00; T. L. Willix, $1.00; John Sharp, $20.00; J. C. Vaughn, $4.00; Loda Wilkerson, $.50; Rosia Ralph, $.50; G. L. Jones, $2.50; Mrs. Mary Tiger, $1.00; Mrs. Flora Golden, $1.00; F. L. Muller, $2.00; A. B. Dixon, $50.00; T. W. Godwin, $5.00; J. N. Azlin, $1.53; E. A. Stillwell, $2.25; R. D. Futch, $2.00; D. L. Lemons, $25.00; D. A. Biggs, $5.00; J. N. White, $2.68; (Lois Blanton, Lucile Blanton, T. T. Peterson, Clara Wingate—one day each), $11.57; W. B. Hawk, $3.00; Tip Snap, $2.00; J. E. Temple, $2.00; Linwood Jacobs, $8.00; James W. Rowley, $5.00; J. R. Mullinax, $1.50; John McCullough, $.50; A. H. Hemphill, $2.00; Mrs. A. H. Hemphill, $1.00; S. W. Latimer, $50.00; S. C. Chambers, $10.00; E. C. Pace, $1.69; Richard Earnhardt, $2.00; H. L. Taylor, $5.00; L. S. Cooper, $5.00; E. E. Byington, $4.25; Edith Brown, $1.82; Zora French, $2.24; Carrie Poucher, $1.00; Wanda Duncan, $.50; Essie Mae Golden, $2.00; Scott Langley, $5.00; J. M. Dalton, $6.00; W. R. Wilbanks, $1.67; Ben L. Smith, $1.45; R. L. Cameron, $5.40; M. L. Lowe, $22.92; W. J. Blair, $8.00; Lula L. Jones, $13.15; C. G. Carder, $5.00; J. L. Ball, $6.40; Bill Morris, $10.00; W. E. Raney, $25.00; F. B. Marine, $25.00; Hubert Flowers, $10.00; Carl Milligan, $5.00; Henry Carroll, $1.00; Stella Carroll, $1.00; Ed. Carroll, $1.00; Vergie Carroll, $1.00.

CHURCHES PAID TO B.T.S.

Cumberland, Ky., $2.00; Charlotte, N. C., $15.25; LaBelle, Fla., $5.12; Parkridge Church, Eli, Ky., $1.00; Ravenna, Ky., $5.25; Horse Branch, Ky., $2.00; Lannius Church, Dodd City, Tex., $5.00; Sunny South, Ala., $3.25; Olney, Tex., $1.80; Wishek, N. Dak., $10.54; Fort Mill, S. C., $29.20; Lakeworth, Fla., $6.00; Strait Creek, Ala., $3.00; Rochester, Texas, $1.00; Selman City, Texas, $1.00; Shelburn, Ind., $2.60; Richburg, Miss., $.70; Fonde, Ky., $1.12; Borger, Texas, $10.00; Barboursville, Ky., $2.00; Hot Springs, N. Mex., $5.00; West Asheville, N. C., $5.05; McIntosh, N. Dak., $3.54; Hamilton, Ohio, $2.00; Mooresville, N. C., $3.75; Christopher, Ky., $2.16; Zellwood, Fla., $5.00; Elkins, W. Va., $2.31; Thornton, Ky., $1.03; Greer, S. C., $10.05; Wichita Falls, Tex., $7.00; Ladonia, Tex., $1.00; Parrott, Va., $2.10; Clarks Chapel church, $1.00; Echols, Ky., $1.00; Slater, S. C., $3.00; Williamsburg, Ky., $1.50; Isaban, W. Va., $1.00; Churches of Mississippi, $63.00; Gettysburg, S. Dak., $4.32; McVeigh, Ky., $52.88; Candler, N. C., $14.00; Lebanon and Tolstoy, S. Dak., $3.00; Lacoochee, Fla., $1.62; Port Huron, Mich., $2.68; Tifton, Ga., $3.45; Anniston, Ala., $3.00; Woodman, Ky., $1.96; Dora, Ala., $7.50; Greenville, S. C. $23.35; Zion, Ala., $2.10; Easton, Md., $26.00; Crisfield, Md., $12.17; St. Luke, Md., $2.10; Pine Top, W. Va., $.35; Wimauma, Fla., $2.50; Somerset, Ky., $10.00; Nancy, Ky., $6.50; Cleveland, Tenn. (auditorium), $16.41; Petersburg, W. Va., $1.57; Reform, Ala., $5.00; Mobeetie, Tex., $3.00; Crab Orchard, Ky., $.70; Corona, Calif., $1.61; Carbon, Ind., $2.00; Avon Park, Fla., $1.30; Etowah, Tenn., $10.10.

B. T. S. NEWS FROM SEVIERVILLE, TENN.

Friday Afternoon Service For Nov. 18

Again we students assembled to enjoy another Friday afternoon service. With Sister Emma Adkins in charge the service began with singing that seemed animated with the Spirit of God. After a season of thanksgiving in song and prayer the B. T. S. Ladies' Quartet No. 2 sang, "I Guess I'm Just a Little Old-Fashioned." We were more appreciative of our possession of the "old-fashioned religion" after hearing Brother Carl Johnson's discourse on "Wickedness Is Great in the Earth." He painted a vivid picture of the degenerate condition of the world today, emphasizing that God knew the extent of the existing iniquity and was grieved as in the days of Noah.

Because our lives are synonymous with the song, "I Rejoice in the Lord," the rendition of it by the Melody Boys was especially appreciated. Sister Viola Rosenbaum warned us of the danger in "Following Afar Off and Sitting Without." She made a plaintive appeal to the student body to follow the Lord closely and heed His blessed call.

Our Christian journey was depicted by Brother Jack Crawford as he described "The Voyage of Life." He set forth the assuring truth that God is with us on this rugged voyage and many times the sea is made rough because of our disobedience. As he pointed to the safety harbor of heaven a flood of glory swept over the chapel room and our souls were made to rejoice.

Sunday Morning Service For Nov. 21

After spiritualized singing and fervent praying that seemed to draw our souls heavenward, our hearts were gladdened by the special singing rendered by the different quartets. We were instructed how to obtain actual eminence as Brother Bascom Stanley spoke on "True Greatness." If we would be great then we must be a servant and our lives controlled by a spirit of humbleness.

Sunday Night Service

Long will we remember Brother Tharp's message exhorting us to express our gratitude to God for His divine goodness and mercies. Speaking from the text, "And Be Ye Thankful," he numerated a few of the many blessings so bountifully bestowed upon us.

As the service closed one student was joyously acknowledging the favors of the Lord for he had received *the great blessing*, the Holy Ghost.—Reporter, Edith Brous.

Friday Afternoon Service For Nov. 25

Another Friday afternoon service—a special feature of the school week. Surely we students will treasure in our memory these wonderful services enjoyed in B. T. S.

When we are faced with defeat on the battlefield and we can not sing the victory song, the rapturous singing of which we participated in while here will be a source of strength and inspiration to us. Then we will recall the words of Sister Darline Williams: "I am determined to spend my life in the service of God," she exclaimed, as she enumerated "The Characteristics of a Christian Life."

If we are tempted to labor for earthly gain the message of Brother Glen Weatherby on "The Futility of Earthly Treasures" will come as a reminder that the riches of this world are insecure. To be rich toward God we must lay up our treasures in heaven.

Among the mementoes of our instructions received in B. T. S. will be included Mae Fowler's discourse on "Self-Inspection." If we become despondent because of unfavorable circumstances, we will remember that she quoted from a portion of her text, "Look to yourselves that ye gain a full reward."

Our reminiscence of the many admonitions given during this school term will contain Sister Mae Wheeler's warning advice on "Keeping Ourselves From Sin."

The mental reproduction of these glorious services of B. T. S. will be as a spring of joy to invigorate our souls when we are faced with opposing powers and skepticism.—Reporter, Edith Brous.

NORTHWEST BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

On the seventeenth day of the tenth month of the year nineteen hundred thirty-eight, the Northwest Bible and Music Academy held its opening exercises in Lemmon, S. Dak. under the capable direction of Brother F. W. Lemons, founder of this institution. Six teachers, about twenty-five students, many Church of God members and visitors, most important of all the Lord, witnessed this sacred and impressive service. The teachers were introduced and each expressed his sincere desire to be a blessing to the students and to strive to make the school a success. In turn the students were introduced and expressed much the same sentiment. It was a home coming to many of the students who had been here last year, and to those who had not it was a welcome hour, the beginning of lasting friendships in Christ Jesus, and to both it was the beginning (and yet continuation) of a splendid, Biblical, Christian training.

We feel very fortunate in having Brother Frank Lemons as a teacher of

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★ YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT ★

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

Bright Examples of Devotion and Patterns to the Young in All Ages

(One character will be commented on each week)

By The Editor and Publisher

Ruth Found All in Bethlehem

"The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust," Ruth 2:12.

In the days of the Judges there was a great famine in Bethlehem. A man by the name of Elimelech, his wife Naomi, and his two sons, Mahlon and Chilion, went to Moab to live. They continued there for some years. After a while Elimelech died and Naomi was left with her two boys. The two sons took wives of the Moabites, Orpah and Ruth. The two sons died and left the three women alone.

Naomi heard that the famine in Bethlehem had broken and that there was bread in the land, so she decided she would go back to her home to live. She was a good, kind woman and from all accounts treated every one about her kindly. Ruth and Orpah loved her dearly and as she started back to her homeland, the two girls followed her out of the place where she was. No doubt they intended to return after going a piece with her.

When they had followed her as far as she thought they should, she suggested that they return. She told them how kind they had been to her, and how kind they had been to her sons who were dead. Orpah kissed her and returned, but Ruth clung to her and insisted that she be allowed to go with her to her homeland. Naomi tried to persuade her to return with her sister-in-law. But Ruth said, "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me," Ruth 1:16, 17.

This is a positive proof that Ruth had decided to give up her homeland, family and friends, and accept Naomi's God and take whatever might come, regardless of suffering.

A decision like this is sure to bring God's favors. If we mean to follow the Lord and be true to His cause regardless of what it may cost us, God will be with us and will make our lives a blessing and will supply our every need. It will take a decision like this to bring us face to face with God and cause His face to shine up on us.

There was no outlook for support for these two women. They hadn't planted any grain in Bethlehem, but God's people lived there and Naomi had relatives in that place. Ruth was of a Gentile tribe and had no promise of a place among the people of God. But when one is determined to follow God there will always be a place made for him. It is said by many writers that Ruth is a type of the Gentile bride of Christ.

The Bethlehemites were God's people. The Israelites would not have anything to do with the Moabites, but Ruth's determination to make herself a partaker of the sufferings of Naomi brought her into favor with God and at heart she became a follower of the Lord. It took some faith and courage to leave her home and go into Naomi's homeland and among her people. No doubt Naomi and her husband had told her of the people of God and she knew how they looked upon the Gentile people, but she had learned to love the God of her husband and naturally had a love in her heart for his people, and like the little sun-tanned woman in the Song of Solomon, she was willing to serve.

It is said that Ruth was a beautiful girl and had the marks of intelligence. They had to have something to eat and Naomi suggested that she go into the fields and glean, and told her of a kinsman that they had there who, she was sure, would show her kindness. If you are going into the work of the Lord to dodge toil and hardship, you certainly are not qualified for a soldier. When the time came Ruth was ready to do the most humble task in all Bethlehem, to go out into the harvest field and glean around the corners. Those who make a success in the Lord's work must start in some humble place and be willing to toil regardless of how humiliating the toil might be. So many of our young people today are willing to take a place in the vineyard but they want to commence away up, have a good support and know nothing about hardship. I am sorry for a preacher or worker who has never had the experience of suffering and toiling in the rural districts and among the poorer class. It seems to me they have missed the very cream of an experience that deepens them into God.

Ruth had not toiled long as a gleaner until the lord of the harvest came around and asked who she was. His reapers told him she was a daughter-in-law of Naomi. Boaz knew that Naomi was his relative. Yes, there is a real kindred feeling among Christians, one for another. They realize they are brothers and sisters. At the next visit Boaz told her to go to the water pots and drink. My, this is fine when we get close enough to God to serve Him in that good way that He can give us a real spiritual drink. The next favor was an invitation to sit at the noon meals with the reapers, the young men, and dip her bread in the sop. In fact, he gave her access to everything that the hired reapers enjoyed. The next favor was that a few handfuls of grain be dropped where she could get them, and it is said that she gleaned over a bushel that day. A gallon would have been a big day's work for a gleaner. But Ruth had made a choice. She had decided to cast her lot with God's people, and this was the first foretaste of God's divine favor.

Boaz became so interested in Ruth that he made a thorough investigation concerning her. The reapers, the young men, told him of her good character, how true she was.

There was a rule in Israel that at the death of a man his nearest relative would take over his estate and wife and raise up children to his name. Boaz proposed to Ruth that they had a nearer kinsman than himself and made arrangements to meet him at the gate. After relating to him the circumstances, the kinsman very readily stated that he would redeem the estate. Boaz said to him, "All right, and you will have to redeem Ruth the Moabite." When that young Jew heard that he refused. Then Boaz redeemed her. She was then receiving the great reward of one who was determined to follow the Lord. She became the bride of Boaz and also the mother of Obed, the father of Jesse who was the father of David. From this lineage came the Christ the Redeemer of the world.

Those characters in the Bible who amounted to anything were men and women of decision. There is a great future for those who will declare themselves for the Lord. A young man or a young woman wholly consecrated to God has a great future and the possibilities are unlimited, but we must be

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★ Boys and Girls ★

The First Person Killed

By Irene Wales

Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord and He drove them out of the garden of Eden, but He still loved them, so one day He sent them a little baby boy and they named him Cain. Cain was the first baby ever born into the world. When God made Adam and Eve He made them full grown to begin with, but now there was a tiny baby in the world. His father and mother were proud of him and loved him dearly.

After a while God sent them another baby boy. Adam and Eve called this one Abel, and, of course, they loved him too.

Now away back in those days there were no factories, no mills, no offices, nor any work of that kind, so when these two boys, Cain and Abel, were large enough to work, Cain chose to be a farmer. He tilled the ground and brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. Abel liked to raise cattle and so he brought an offering unto the Lord from his flock.

Last Sunday we studied about how after Adam and Eve disobeyed God and brought sin into the world, everybody had to offer sacrifices unto the Lord for their sins. They did this way until Jesus came and shed His blood to redeem us. So that's why Cain and Abel brought offerings unto the Lord. They had sin in their hearts and they had to offer sacrifices in order to have the favor of the Lord.

Now God can see way down in our hearts, and He knows if we are worshiping Him with our hearts in the right way or not. It doesn't matter how much we claim to be right with God, if our hearts are wrong He knows it. So when Cain and Abel brought their offerings, the Lord didn't bless Cain's offering because He knew that Cain was not coming to Him in the right way, but He did bless Abel's offering. This made Cain so angry with his brother that he killed him. Abel's blood ran out and soaked into the ground. My, wasn't that sad? Now Cain was a murderer. He had killed the first person ever killed in the world, and it was his own dear brother. Abel was lying on the ground white and still. He would never talk to Cain any more. He would never make his father and mother happy again.

This must have been awful and very sad. They had never seen a dead person before. This was some more of the punishment for Adam and Eve's disobedience in the garden of Eden.

God looked down and saw Abel's blood soaking into the ground and he spoke to Cain and asked him where his brother was. Cain then committed another ugly sin. He told a lie, and told it right to God too. He told God that he didn't know where his brother was, and then asked God if he was supposed to keep up with his brother. It looks like he would have been sorry by this time. He had taken his poor brother's life and made his father and mother very unhappy. He should have fallen down before God and asked for mercy and forgiveness. Instead of that, here he was lying to God and talking saucy to Him.

Of course, God knew better. He knew exactly what Cain had done, and besides that, He told Cain that Abel's blood was crying unto Him from the ground. Then God gave Cain a dreadful punishment. He told him that the ground which had taken up his brother's blood would not grow things for him any longer, but he must flee away and be a homeless wanderer in the earth. Cain told God that his punishment was more than he could bear, so God told him that He would protect him and keep anybody from killing him.

But Cain had to leave home as God had said. He left his father and mother and went into a far country, into the land of Nod, and lived.

By and by God gave Cain and his wife a baby boy and they named him Enoch. Cain built a city and called the city Enoch after his son. When Enoch grew up and married, the Lord gave him a son, and Cain's family grew larger and larger. Probably all of them were evil like their father, but some of them were very clever. One of them named Jabal was the first man to think of making a tent to live in, instead of living under a tree or in a cave. Another one, Jubal, was the first man to make a musical instrument. No doubt he just made a whistle out of a piece of wood at first, and finally learned how to put several together and make harps and organs on which to play music. Then Tubal-Cain was the first one to find out how to make things out of brass and iron. I imagine he made such things as knives, swords, plows, etc. Such men in our day would be called great inventors and their names would be in the newspapers with many honorable remarks made about them. Of course, back there they had no newspapers as no one had yet learned how to print, or even how to make paper. But the things that these men found out were a wonderful help to them and to all the world.

It has been such a long time since men learned to do these things that we forget that the first people who lived in the world didn't know how to do anything much. People learned to do more and more things until today we have stoves on which to cook, even electric stoves, electric lights in our homes, can even wash with electricity; we have automobiles, trains, airplanes, and many, many wonderful things. But oh how sad, there are thousands of evil men today like Cain. Cain killed the first man but since then thousands and thousands have been killed. We are still so sorry that Adam and Eve disobeyed God and brought sin into the world, and of course sin must be punished, and the human family has had to suffer oh so much, even having to die.

Well, we know that it is not God's fault. Adam and Eve could have been happy, their children would have been happy, and all the world would have been happy, if they had just done as God told them to do. But, yet, God leaves us and He made a way that we could be saved from sin and eternal death, and thousands have been saved and have died and gone to heaven, while many have been lost. We, who are still living, have a chance to be saved and go to heaven too, if we will only obey God. Let's make up our minds that we will not go to hell but will make heaven our home, by the help of the Lord.

Christmas is near! Please include your orphans with your gifts.

First All-Day Service a Blessing

COLUMBUS, Miss.—The Church of God at Columbus had its first all-day service Sunday, Nov. 27. Brother Horatio Mitchell and his wife, with a bus load, about thirty in number, spent the day with us. After Sunday School Brother Mitchell brought the message.

During the afternoon devotional the Holy Ghost from heaven came down and there were shouts of joy, dancing and speaking in tongues. We also had an old-fashioned, holiness testimony service, which was very uplifting, and we all knelt at the altar and prayed especially for lost souls here in Columbus.

Such good singing as we had during the day. Specials were rendered by the string band, L. S. Grissom and Collier quartets, and a chorus by some young boys and girls, which we enjoyed.

Brother Mitchell will be here the fourth Sunday, which is Christmas. You are welcome. Come over and be with us; we will have good heat. We have just installed a large circulating heater. —Mrs. A. H. Wallace, Box 73.

Christmas is near! Please include your orphans with your gifts.

BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Report From Beasley Chapel

RIPLEY, Tenn.—We are in a revival here, Brother Carter doing the preaching, his daughter, little Billey, and Brother Delk helping. Brother Carter comes to us from another movement and is doing a good work for God. We believe he will be a great help to the Church of God. God led them to West Tennessee to work for Him.

We had all-day service and dinner Thanksgiving with a Y. P. E. program that night which was enjoyed by all. Brother Worley, our district pastor, was with us all day and preached a good sermon in the afternoon.

We are trying to build a parsonage and finish the church. Pray that God will provide the needed money for same.

Pray for the church here that it might shine as a city set on a hill for Jesus and that many souls will come to Jesus in this revival. Pray for my wife and me that we might always live close to Christ and be soul winners for Him. —Wiley E. Wright, pastor, Rt. 1.

LANCASTER, S. C.—I praise God for what He means to me. We praise Him for what He has done for our church. About three months ago when we came here they had from ten to twenty-five in Sunday School; now we have anywhere from sixty to eighty. We are making a drive for one hundred. On Sunday nights the church will hardly seat the people. We are planning to build a new church. Pray that God will help us.

We thank God for our pastor. He is doing a good work here. His tithes have more than doubled since he came here. We have a Willing Workers Band and a good Y. P. E. Pray that God will bless us and we will go over the top for Him. —W. A. Sweezy, R. F. D. 4.

A Wonderful Time

SHOOTER, Jam., B. W. I.—I thank God for His goodness towards me. I am happy in finding myself a member of the dear old Church of God. We had a wonderful time at Shooter. Thank God. We had baptism and unity fasting. On Oct. 29 we had prayer meeting following testimonies by candidates. At 6:30 Sunday morning, the 30th, the candidates marched to the riverside. The baptismal sermon was preached by N. S. McDonald and Brother C. T. Johnson did the baptizing. At 9:00 o'clock the same day fasting commenced; 10:30 we had devotional; 11:00 o'clock a sermon by Ed. Larmin; 2:00 o'clock service closed. At 3:00 o'clock the Y. P. E. president had charge, then from 7:00 o'clock we had several messages by different speakers. We could just feel the Holy Ghost manifesting Himself and we had a glorious time in the Lord and you could hear loud amens and glory to God by the true-hearted saints. Praise God.

Monday morning, the 31st, we met again to praise God in fasting and prayer. At 8:00 o'clock we started fasting. One soul came weeping to the altar. Praise His dear name. From 9:00 o'clock we had messages by the different preachers until 4:00 o'clock when the fasting closed. Souls being saved from that time until now are twenty-eight. We can say, Glory to God.

Dear saints of God, as you read this please do not pass it by but pray for us in Shooter, also pray a special prayer for me as I am a young girl and desire to lift up the standard. Remember to pray for our dear pastor who is a real man of God, C. T. Johnson, that he may be faithful and true until Jesus comes or calls for him.—Estella Walters.

LAKE CITY, Fla.—Dear readers, I praise the Lord for the progress the Church at Lake City, Fla. is making. We are glad to say that since the General Assembly our church has been ceiled and many improvements made, and along with this love, unity, harmony and sweet fellowship of the members has increased by leaps and bounds.

We praise the Lord for our dear pastor, Brother L. B. Hammonds. He is a real shepherd of his flock. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for the salvation of many souls in our revival. This revival is being conducted by Brother P. W. Chesser.—Madeline Sweat, 317 E. Duval St.

Echoes From Cross City, Fla.

I thank the Lord for sending Brother and Sister P. W. Chesser this way. Seventeen years ago we heard him the first time and the message stayed with me, although I went on in sin. But in this revival I was saved and sanctified. Thank God. Brother Chesser touched this case-hardened heart of mine. He also was the cause of my boy and dear wife seeking God. They both are saved and sanctified and our home is very happy. Thank the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

Please pray for us that we won't slip or fall but ever keep going up. Praise God.—J. E. Crews, Cross City, Fla., Box 234.

WEBBER FALLS, Okla.—We want the Church of God everywhere to know we have a church at Mt. Grove with twenty-five members; they are all Church of God folks too. I don't think we have a member who would go to pie suppers or candidate speaking or anything that is of the world. We haven't a sister in the church who has bobbed hair or wears short sleeved dresses either. We are proud of our church and we are proud of our pastor, W. T. Dodson, and also our district overseer, Brother Ruark. Brother and Sister Ruark have made us one visit; the church all loved them; we will be glad when they come again. Last Sunday night we took the Lord's Supper and had feet washing and the Lord wonderfully blessed. We have a good Sunday School with an average attendance of fifty-five. Our pastor lives at present at Locust Grove, Okla. We are planning on getting a house for him by the first of the year so he can move in the community. He only gets to be with us twice a month. We are expecting the Lord to bless us with a church building this year. We ask all the children of God to help us pray that He will bless us with the building and give us souls for our work. We want to praise God for healing a sister of a growth on her neck; it was nearly as large as a goose egg. It had been on her for ten years. Brother Dodson told her she was healed then, so it is gone now. I am glad we have a Savior like that; He will help us in our business, in our sickness and troubles if we will trust Him. Pray for us.—Your brother and sister in the Lord, W. M. Crow and wife, Rt. 3, Box 81.

We thank the dear Lord for the wonderful privilege of working in the ripe harvest fields in the great Northwest. I have felt the call of God for quite a while to come here, and thank God, we are here at last, although the devil tried his best to stop us. We are in our third meeting in the state since the Assembly. The Lord surely has been with us. We started a meeting here in Scio November 17 and the dear Lord is already blessing. You know if we follow the leading of God we will never go wrong. The way is already made. You know the Lord has mysterious ways His will to work. When we came here a few days ago we didn't know anybody. The first thing a woman came to the door and brought a quart of fresh milk and has continued to do so. Thank God. The Church of God is new in this place and we have good prospects of a church, so pray. There is an atheist hall right across the street from us. Of course you know what that means. It takes grit, backbone and the grace of God to stick out here. When you pray remember Oregon and its preachers. We are glad to work under Brother J. B. Camp, he is a real brother to us. He surely has a load

to carry and needs your prayers.

All you praying saints remember this place so the Church of God will rise and shine.—A brother and sister in Christ, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peel, General Del., Scio, Oregon.

BURNSVILLE, N. C.—We really praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our church at Burnsville. We appreciate Brother and Sister Atkins very much. We feel that God had a hand in sending them to this place. They are doing a wonderful work.

Our Sunday School is increasing every Sunday, for which we truly thank the Lord. We think we have one of the best Sunday Schools in the state.

We are planning by God's help to start building a new church soon. Please pray that this church will grow and shine with God's great love and power and be a place where the weary can find rest for their souls.—Edna Melton.

WALHALLA, S. C.—We, the Church of God No. 2 at Walhalla, S. C., send joyful greetings and thanksgiving for the wonderful way our God is blessing us. A revival has just closed but the revival spirit is still working. Our dear pastor, Brother Watkins, surely has this church on his heart. He has a large class of young men in Sunday School. They all seem to love him like a brother. Brother Watkins is a lively worker for the Lord. He has fixed up our church building until it doesn't look like the same one.

We desire the prayers of everyone that God will continue to bless and save lost souls. There have been eight saved, six sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost. How we do thank the Lord for preachers like Brother Watkins and our district pastor, Brother Lee, and others. Pray for every member of our church and for others to get in before it is too late.—Emma Henson, Rt. 2.

Report From Ky. W. W. B. President

LYNCH, Ky.—This evening as I write a few lines concerning the W. W. B's I hope I say something that will be a blessing to someone. I am also glad to report that in each department of the church here the Lord is blessing, every one is improving. We feel we are going to have a good year. We are proud of our pastor and his family, Brother W. B. Stone, also our state overseer, Brother B. L. Hicks. We have confidence in them that they are going to do their best to put the Church program over this assembly year. We think Brothers Stone and Hicks are just where the Lord wants them and we feel we are going to have the best assembly year that Kentucky has ever had.

Our W. W. B. is getting along fine. We started a contest the 21st of September which will run until Thanksgiving. I am sure we are going to have a treasure that we can be greatly thankful for on that day. We are expecting to have a great day in the Lord that day. We are expecting to have some of the Bible School students with us, also the Denson Trio and Brother Hicks, our state overseer.

In our W. W. B. we have some good faithful workers. If you want to see a group of good workers, you can find them here at Lynch. Our W. W. B. has become so interesting that some of the brothers have decided to help us. The brothers can be willing workers as well as the sisters. One thing that makes our W. W. B. so interesting and encouraging is our pastor and family are willing workers and believe in helping and boosting the work.

About two weeks ago Brother Hicks came here and spent a week giving lectures on Revelation, which proved a great blessing to Lynch. While he was here we had him to meet with us in our W. W. B. He gave us a very interesting talk on the W. W. B. and suggested that we put on a drive to raise money to build a parsonage, so we are going to build a parsonage and hope to have it built by the first of the year.

Our plans for raising money are working out fine. We expect to have $150.00 or $200.00 by the time our contest ends. Our pastor said he believed we would have $500.00. One of our sisters said yesterday her goal for raising money in this drive was $1,000. We believe we can reach that within the next six months. We are determined to work and defeat the devil.

The W. W. B. is one department of the Church that I am really interested in, and I have a great determination to work and do my best to help make this one of the best departments in the Church. We are expecting to have the W. W. B's one hundred per cent in Kentucky by the first of March. We know we can if all the pastors will cooperate in this work, and we are sure they will. It has been almost two years since we first started. We mean to stay ahead of Satan and keep on climbing. Let's all be determined to work and let old Satan rave all he wants to.

I hope to hear a lot of good news from all other W. W. B's. It does me good when I read in the Evangel of how the other bands are working. All who read this pray for us here at Lynch that we will always be found doing the Lord's will.—Mrs. John S. Griffith, Kentucky W. W. B. president.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are glad to report victory this morning in Pensacola, Fla. I am so glad that we can lean on the strong arms of Jesus. I am glad for zeal to work for God. I remember when I was a small boy I heard Brother J. W. Buckalew talk about how hard he had it preaching the gospel, and Brother J. B. Ellis and other good, old faithful ministers, how they ate potato peelings and carried this good glorious gospel. What a blessing it is to me. We young preachers need more zeal. Praise God. See 2 Kings 10:16. When Jehu was destroying Baal's worshipers he saw Jehonadab coming to meet him. Jehu said, Come and see my zeal for the Lord.

Brothers, that is what is wrong with West Florida today. The ones who came out here didn't have zeal enough for the Lord to stay and the ones who did stay did not have the zeal to resist the worship of Baal. We need some Church of God preachers to come to West Florida who are out for lost souls and who are willing to suffer for the gospel and Jesus to let the people know that the Church of God is real. So many have come out here and claimed to be Church of God. They were not seeking lost souls, they were seeking some man's wife and they found just what they were seeking. God help us to destroy everything that looks like Baal and have a zeal for the Lord. Brother, if the Lord be for us who can be against us? Jesus said when the enemy comes in like a flood, He would raise a standard against him. Praise God. He has done that for us in Pensacola. Some preachers have come to West Florida and claimed they had to leave, couldn't get food. We read in Psa. 66:18, If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me. Praise God, move the things from between you and God and ask Him for a piece of bread and let's fight the devil. We have the promise of bread and water if we live for God. We may not get any beefsteak or meat but God will give us just what we need if we trust Him.

We find Saul let his eyes set on the world and he woke up and found that God would not hear him. 1 Sam. 28:6. Then we find in 1 Sam. 7:2 he was calling for a woman with a familiar spirit, turning to the things he once destroyed when he was in touch with God. Brother, when we see a man or a woman indulging in the things of the world we know they are out of touch with God. We see a woman first painting her finger nails, next a little on her face, then a finger wave, then they say that's no harm, just take my name off the book, I can live just as good out of the church as I can in it. But Jesus told Peter, Whatsoever ye bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, Matt. 16:18. Thank God for that Scripture. Some preachers will pet anything for a few dollars tithes, then when a pastor comes along who will stand for truth and right some old hypocrite wants to lynch him. God help the pastors to stand together.

When we came to Pensacola the

church was in a bad condition, was not even reporting. We began to fast and pray for God to undertake and He did. When things came to light it was more than we could handle so we called for our state overseer, Brother E. M. Ellis, and he came to our rescue. When he came he disbanded the church and reorganized with nine members and God surely has been blessing us ever since. We left fourteen out and they are doing all they can against us but God is for us. You preachers who know about Pensacola church, I want to tell you she is going for God and we have the deeds to the property now. We just got them last Friday. Now let the devil howl, he can't take the property.

All you good brethren keep on praying for us and if anyone feels led to come to the Pensacola district, we would be glad to have you if you stand for the Church of God.—As ever, Lawson Culpepper, district pastor, 1300 E. Maxwell St., Pensacola, Fla.

Report From E. St. Louis, Ill. Dist.

We arrived here September 18, taking our place for this year's work. I feel that it was really the hand of the Lord that led us here, as He has blessed in everything we have undertaken. We found a loyal band of saints here at the Lincoln Avenue church, and also throughout the district.

The second week we visited the churches on the district. We first visited Brother Aldridge at State Street church, finding him to be a spirited man of real Church of God material. The Lord blessed us and we left Brother Aldridge and his saints much encouraged toward his work. Since then, they have raised quite a sum toward paying for their property, and we feel that the church is coming along very good. Then we went to East Alton to visit Brother Freeman and found his work progressing rapidly toward the building of a new church. We are glad to report that now their church is finished, a fine new building, which those loyal saints deserve. Brother Freeman is a firm, loyal, blessed man of God, and is doing a wonderful work at East Alton. Next we visited Brother Smiddy at Maplewood, a fine young man with lots of zeal for God and His Church. At that time he and his loyal members were planning the building of a new church. Praise the Lord, their church is now practically finished, and the work is progressing rapidly. We also visited Collinsville, Brother Sells pastor, a humble, true blue Church of God preacher. Although this is his first year in the ministerial work, he is doing a splendid work. We found them worshipping in a new building.

We have held three revivals since our arrival here, and the Lord has wonderfully blessed us in everyone of them. We held one here at the Lincoln Avenue church, then at Collinsville, and have just closed one at East Alton. We have taken twenty-three into the church, twenty-four have received the Holy Ghost, and eleven have been baptized. With the wonderful start the Lord has given us, I am expecting greater things in the year to come.

We had Brother J. R. Thomas, state overseer, with us from the twenty-fifth to the twenty-seventh of November. He visited the various churches on the district, preaching some wonderful inspiring sermons, and leaving us uplifted and encouraged. We appreciate Brother Thomas, and mean to stay by him and co-operate with him in every way possible. He was with us during one of our weekly fellowship meetings, which we have been holding each Sunday afternoon. I feel these meetings have served to draw us closer together in our work and closer to the Lord.—Yours in the Master's service, Colon T. Dunn, 1713 Gross Ave., East Saint Louis, Illinois.

CARROLLTON, Ga.—We surely thank the dear Lord for His many blessings since calling us back to Carrollton. The church has moved up. The Lord is in our midst. Several have been saved and the Holy Ghost takes charge, for which we are glad. I thank the Lord for every one at Carrollton, also for the love of the district. We have a fine band of preachers. Brother Rone Norton at Clem, Brother Maxwell at Draketown and Brother Chambers at Rockmart, Brother Harry at Douglasville, Brother Dale at Cedartown and Brother Okely at Buchanan. They are all fine boys. They are doing a fine work. We think, of course, that Carrollton is ahead. We have a new parsonage and we are living in it. Thank the Lord.

Yes, we are going to have an all-day meeting at the Church of God at Carrollton on Christmas Day. Come and enjoy the day with us. Let's make it a day that will be a blessing to all. Pray much for us on this district.—J. F. Brown, district pastor.

Nebraska Moving On For The Lord

OMAHA, Nebr.—Dear Evangel family, greetings. We are still moving on for the Lord and the Church of God out here and God is blessing. We were glad to have Brother Newton from Lynnville, Iowa, also our state overseer, Brother Goins. We are in a great field here and there is plenty to do. Won't you pray for us? Four have been added to the Church here in Omaha and the Sunday School has doubled since the Assembly. Many are looking this way. We have some new faces in our Sunday evening worship who are asking about the way. We have a nice building fund started and expect to begin our tabernacle in March, D. V. Saints, do pray that these dear people out here may have a church house and that the Church of God will be firmly established in this state.

Dear people, it means that we need a great GO YE zeal and a life well lived and prayer and courage to work for God where you have not the many churches near to help. Our nearest church in this state is one hundred fifty miles away. There are so many places that need the gospel, yet the laborers are few. We desire your prayers that God will give us a church house here.—U. E. Hopkins, 805 S. 31st St.

Big Island, Mo. Dist. Y. P. E. Rally

On Nov. 27 we met at the Vicksburg church for the first Y. P. E. rally this district has ever had. God manifested His presence in a glorious way. After the devotional our local Y. P. E. president made the opening remarks. She was followed by the president of the Little River church. Next we enjoyed talks by Sisters Helen Bullock and Zeb Garrett. God seemed so near to us. We then listened to "When the Saints Go Marching In" as a solo by Sister Helen Bullock.

Brother Barney Garrett brought a message. After the message, which we greatly enjoyed, three readings were given by Juniors from Kinsfolk Ridge church. Sister Lance then spoke, followed by their Y. P. E. president. Brother Rhodes was present and spoke under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The glory of the Lord came down and a weeping spirit prevailed. Sinners were made to feel their need of God. Shouts and praises were heard. Next was a duet by Sisters Mary Cobb and Edith Southerland. After this the writer made a short talk. A praise service was enjoyed after which our good pastor, Brother O. B. Presley, made the closing remarks.

Our next rally will be the third Sunday in December at Kinsfolk Ridge.—Reporter, Miss Carrie Ledbetter, Rt. 2, Steele, Mo.

PIEDMONT, Ala.—We praise the Lord for the way He has been blessing us at Piedmont since the Assembly. There have been a few saved and the saints of God seem to be encouraged to press on. We thank the Lord for sending Brother C. H. Scott back for our pastor. Our Sunday School has grown from twenty-two to over one hundred.

If the Lord wills we will have on Christmas day an all-day service and the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Everybody come and be with us if you can, and if you can't come, pray for the Holy Ghost to be in our midst.—Mrs. Myrtle Strickland, 5 Seaboard Ave.

REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God," Phil. 4:6.

PRAY FOR:

Mother and me to be healed, loved ones to be saved, Lord to provide, church to be established here, God to help in my home, neighbors to be saved.—Mrs. Albert Stahl, 1215 Allen St., Allentown, Pa.

To be healed of poison in system from pulled tooth, breaking out caused from poison, weak and run-down in body, God to keep me during time I'm having my teeth extracted, unspoken request, me to stand true.—Mrs. Zyepher Davis, Troy, Tenn.

Healing of my body of smothering spells, heart and stomach trouble, pain in chest and back.—Mrs. Florence Hatfield, Matewan, W. Va.

To be healed of head and throat trouble, to get closer to the Lord, for my mother's soul and body, she has cancer. —Ada L. Smith, Purvis, Miss.

Nervous wreck, body to be healed, boy to be released, God to help and supply needs.—Patsa Mandola, Amherstdale, W. Va.

Backslidden and unsaved loved ones to be saved, unsaved husband, unspoken request, me to hold out faithful.—Mrs. A. L. Ledford, Indianola, Miss.

That I be healed of heart and nerve trouble.—Zuro Starns, Burnt Prairie, Ill.

Healing of my wife who is suffering with broken bones from car wreck.—J. T. Harris, Rt. 1, Roswell, Ga.

Healing of our leader's body, Sister Ida Parrish, in hospital very sick.—Johnnie Hales, Mill House No. 26, Smithfield, N. C.

Healing of my afflicted body.—Martha Preece, Louisa, Ky.

Healing of infection of foot, strength to walk.—Mrs. Ollie Hull, Rt. 2, Millsap, Tex.

Church of God at East Lake, Birmingham, Ala., unspoken request, my family and me to be drawn closer to God.—Dewey Kitchen, 6504 3rd Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala.

To receive the Holy Ghost, healing of my eyes.—Miss Verna Mae Hampton, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

Healing of eyes.—Mrs. Mary Lou Arrington, 623 Moore Ave., Augusta, Ga.

To be healed of sometnihg like bladder trouble.—Mrs. Florence Carney, Rt. 1, Box 46, Foxwoxth, Miss.

To be healed of something like hemorrhoids, very sick.—P. M. Spinks, 265 W. Main St., Salem, W. Va.

HEALED OF TUBERCULOSIS

I want to shout my praise to God for His healing power, both body and soul. Bless His good name. I thank God for Brother L. G. Rouse, on whom God has bestowed this great gift of Divine healing through faith and prayer.

On January 13, 1938, I was taken to the Arkansas State Tuberculosis Sanitorium with T. B. in its last stage. I was too weak to sit up to make the trip. I was carefully undressed and put to bed upon reaching the sanitorium and forbidden to raise up, even to address a letter or to take a drink of water

or a dose of medicine. I weighed eighty and a fourth pounds and my skin was greenish yellow. But thank God for sending Brother Rouse through this town. My mother received one of his anointed handkerchiefs and sent it to me less than a week after I went to the sanitorium. I had never been able to see into holiness but I put the anointed handkerchief over my lungs and prayed almost without ceasing, and glory to my Lord, my eyes were opened and I found nothing in the Bible but good old Church of God holiness. Glory to our Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the light of the world," and again, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

Praise God who gave me blessed light of Himself. The veil was lifted and Jesus told me to get up. I obeyed that sweet voice and got up, and hallelujah, I knew that I was healed but the enemy would not leave me alone. The pain and fever and dark doubts tried to get the best of me but I wore my handkerchief over my lungs, prayed and trusted and clung to the Rock of Ages. I wrote our pastor here to have the saints pray for me that God would provide a way for me to get home, then in the middle of the night my soul knew sweet peace.

The sanitorium officials thought I was crazy but since I left there my roommate, who did not have T. B. half as bad as I did, has died, and I understand one of the doctors there has broken down with it. My temperature fell to normal while making the 320-mile trip home and is still normal, glory to God. I now weigh 101 pounds and my skin is clear and rosy. Upon my third trip to the altar after I got home I received the blessing of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. A few days later my mother received the blessing of salvation. My mother quit cigarettes after twenty years' use and is completely cleansed of the desire for them. Bless the name of Jesus. I passed my anointed handkerchief on to my sister and my mother and got me another one. Yesterday I placed it on a sick friend and three of us prayed for her and glory to God when we quit praying she said the pain was gone. I think it was pneumonia. The fever had left her and her fingers had become cold, though she was very sick when we got there. Thank the Lord for these blessings. — Blanche Guthrie, Lepanto, Ark.

MISSION PAGE

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and will be long remembered.

Our closing service on Sunday night was grand. We observed the Lord's supper and feet washing and oh, such a great crowd of spectators and listeners to the precious Word of God. Long live the precious memory of this blessed event and should our dear Lord tarry for another year, we are praying and looking forward to another blessed convention in 1939, D. V. Pray for us.—Yours in the mission field, Brother Earle P. Johnson, clerk.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPT.

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out and out for God if we expect to win in this life and the joy and bliss of eternal life in the world to come.

RADIO BROADCASTS

We will be glad to publish your broadcasts if you will send them in to us.

WRGA, Rome, Ga. The Church of God, A. H. Batts, pastor, each Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a. m.

WCSC, Charleston, S. C. 1360 KC, each Sunday from 8:30-9:00 a. m. Church of God, Porter M. White, pastor.

WSPA, Spartanburg, S. C. Each Sunday at 3:00-3:30 p. m. Odis Smith in charge.

WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn. each Saturday at 10:30 a. m. C.S.T., Church of God Bible Training School, Sevierville, Tenn.

WAPI, Birmingham, Ala. Wednesday and Saturday from 5:00-6:00 a. m. C.S.T. Church of God of Alabama, H. L. Whittington, overseer.

WAPO, Chattanooga, Tenn., Soddy, Daisy and North Chattanooga Churches of God, each Saturday morning from 6:00-6:30.

WBIG, Greensboro, N. C., 1440 KC, each Sunday evening 5:45. A. M. Phillips, pastor.

WATL, 1370 KC, Atlanta, Ga. Church of God, 4:00-4:30 p. m., each Sunday. W. T. Nelson, pastor.

Leaders Among Men

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apostle; Judas began as an apostle and ended as the betrayer of our Lord.

Jonathan was a most wonderful character, though he was the son of a very wicked father, especially when fatherly counsel was so much needed by this young man.

We are often made to wonder at some sons and daughters as well, who have had the very best of training, yet sometimes they go astray. On the other hand, some children whose parents are really wicked choose the path of righteousness and walk therein, thus become leaders of men, noble, honorable, upright and are a blessing to this sin-cursed world.

The story of Jonathan and David is unsurpassed in the history of the human family. In all the world's literature there is found no other story comparable to that of the love of Jonathan, son of Saul, for David, whom Saul regarded as a bitter enemy. The world will never know of a finer thing than the love and friendship of these two men.

In this case, it was Jonathan who had everything to lose and nothing to gain, by the ascendency of David to the throne of the king in Israel. By virtue of his family ties he was next in line to Saul, and humanly speaking would naturally be expected to view with misgiving the emergency of a strong rival. But jealousy was as lacking in the character of Jonathan as it was present and dominant in the character of his father. When he saw that David was destined to take the throne, instead of himself, his love was not diminished in the slightest degree. Jonathan said to David, "Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee," and they two made a covenant before Jehovah.

These two men were rivals for a crown. Jonathan, Saul's son, was born to it. David was called to it. They were both quite popular because of their past achievements. Their interests were opposed. Their positions made them antagonists. Yet they were friends! All these things make theirs one of the most unique friendships in all the world. Their friendship was so great and pure and strong they had no trouble with jealousies and misunderstandings.

For the love and friendship of David, Jonathan gladly surrendered his claim to the throne and saved David again and again from death. The association and fellowship of these two great men developed their characters and brought out the very best in both of them. It helped them in their dark and dreary hours and shows what such love and devotion can do for others.

After all, friendship is nothing more nor less than love that has ripened into kind thoughts, kind words, and helpful deeds. When God takes our measurement and weighs us in the balances of His judgment, He will consider the heart more than the head, I am sure. It is marvelously great, yet it is our privilege to say with Israel's greatest ruler, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,"—that "Great Shepherd of the sheep"! He has the shepherd-heart, pulsating with love; the shepherd-eye, that takes in the whole flock; the shepherd-nearness, about us and among us both day and night; the shepherd-knowledge, understanding our desires better than we do ourselves; the shepherd-strength "able to keep us;" the shepherd faithfulness, and we may fully trust in Him, and the shepherd-tenderness, nurturing our life from feebleness to strength. The good leader or Shepherd goes before His flock. He is always in the lead and every attack made by the enemy brings Him into account. Even in the midst of gloom and danger He is there to comfort and care for His own.

Every human being in the world worships something. Why not worship God? The very composition of human life, the mystery of man's being, demands a center of worship as a necessity of existence. Every man who dethrones God, begins then and there to worship himself. Many a man today, though he be unconscious of the fact, is worshiping himself with all his heart, with all his mind and with all his strength. If men would take only five minutes to think and would shut out everything save the great fact that they stand alone with God, conditions would be noticeably different among the churches of our land.

Who is our God? What is our God? To what are we devoted? Whom do we serve? What will our answer be when we stand in the white light of the judgment?

Israel's sin was not that they renounced God altogether but that they wanted to worship other gods besides Him. We stand face to face with the same difficulty today. Practically all people believe in God in their own way, but refuse Him right of way in their hearts and lives. God is under no obligation to accept a divided heart. He is a jealous God. There is not room enough in any one heart for two thrones. No man can serve two masters. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. The standard of the Lord is to "serve Him in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life."

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OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.

HULL

Our darling grandbaby, Margie Flodene Hull, died Oct. 3, 1938.—Her grandparents, J. E. and Ollie Hull, Rt. 2, Millsap, Tex.

JAMESON

Sister Edith Jameson, loyal member of the Church of God at S. Gastonia, N. C., died Nov. 25, 1938, age twenty-eight years.—B. F. Darnell and wife, pastor, S. Gastonia, N. C.

SNYDER

Viola Snyder, faithful member of the Church of God, died Nov. 30, 1938.—Willard Cornwell, LaFayette, Ga.

NICKLOW

Mary Louise Nicklow, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, died Nov. 15, 1938, age thirteen years.—Wm. F. Morris.

FAITH AND WORKS

"Faith without works is dead," James 2:20.

Some people say, "I have plenty of faith but I am not up on my works." Listen, dear one, if this is your case you had better pray and consecrate your life to God, for James 2:18 says, "Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." God wants His people to have both works and faith.

I hear so many Church of God folks say, "Well, I just haven't any faith." Listen, my dear brother and sister, Heb. 11:6 teaches you and me that without faith it is impossible to please God. Now then, to my many brothers and sisters and kindhearted friends scattered abroad, please join me in special prayer on December 23. I plan to start a faith work and possibly a faith band. Here within forty miles of me are fifteen or twenty cities, towns, and villages and by God's help, I can carry the gospel to thousands by equipping my car with a public address system. It will cost me near $100.00 but I am expecting to take this step by faith. I can install it for $10.00 down and then pay by the month. So please pray for me. You may write me what you think of such a step by faith, if you care to. I can preach ten sermons each week in good weather. This is one of the most needy fields for home missions I can think of anywhere. You churches in Maryland and Delaware, if you wish me to come to your church by faith and advertise your services and do my best to stir up even greater interest in missions, write me. I'll be ready soon. God bless you is my prayer.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Cox, Grasonville, Md.

REVIVALS

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vival with Brother and Sister J. H. Ming doing the preaching. Seventeen were saved, fifteen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost and four added to the church. One of the four who came in was a minister and we thank God for him. This revival was the most wonderful one Thomasville has ever known. The saints were revived. The townspeople took an interest, especially the railroad men and their families. Many were made to wonder and said they had never heard anything like it. The meeting was held under one of our state tents but we could not seat half of the people. God surely anointed the speaker with the message and many souls were blessed. Sinners would sit and weep and said they felt like going to the altar while the message was going forth. Brother J. W. Heaton is our pastor. We love him and Sister Heaton. We want everyone to pray for the work here in Thomasville. Pray that God will give us a building to worship in. — A. L. Thomas, clerk, 209 W. Clay St.

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HAZARD, Ky.—A three weeks' revival closed at the Hazard church Nov. 20 with Brother James Stevens doing the preaching. Twenty-three were saved, fifteen sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and twelve added to the church, with several souls in the altar. Brother Stevens is a fine young evangelist and any church wanting a revival will do well to get him. The church is growing fine with Brother B. H. Enix, pastor. Pray that it will continue to prosper and that we will be ready when Jesus comes. It won't be long, I am sure.

Our Sunday School and Y. P. E. are doing fine. We had ninety-five in Sunday School Sunday and are expecting it to go to one hundred fifty or two hundred before Christmas. Please pray that God will continue to bless and many more souls will get saved in this community before Jesus comes. Pray for Brother Enix that he will be blessed in his work here. Pray for me that I can be an overcomer.—James Watts, clerk.

We closed our tent revival at Princeton, W. Va. with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Eighteen were saved, twenty sanctified, seventeen filled with the Holy Ghost and eighteen added to the church. Brother T. J. Meade baptized eighteen in water. Please pray for us.—G. C. Smith, Gen. Del., Matoaka, W. Va.

CROSS CITY, Fla.—We have just closed a four and one-half weeks' revival in which God wonderfully blessed our souls. Brother and Sister P. W. Chesser did the preaching. They worked hard, fasted and prayed lots. Twenty-one were saved, eleven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, eleven baptized in water and twelve added to the church. The saints have been wonderfully blessed and built up. The Father, Son and Holy Ghost were with us. Thank God! Many nights we could not seat the people. I thank God for the good people we found in Cross City, and I believe they have the best Willing Workers Band I have ever seen. Pray for us at Cross City.—A. V. Howell, pastor, Box 234.

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AVON PARK, Fla.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here conducted by Brother W. M. Rumler. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and did not compromise but stood firmly for the Word of God. We thank God for sending us an evangelist like that. Two were saved, one sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. We also thank God for our good pastor, Brother S. J. Whitener, and his wife who have proved such a blessing to the work here through their faithful efforts. Brother E. M. Ellis, our state overseer, came one night during the revival and preached a wonderful sermon. We believe God will give us more souls for the prayers and sacrifices of the children of God. Pray for us that we may be overcomers to the end of the way.—Shellie Campbell.

B. T. S. Echoes

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Prophecy, New Testament and Doctrine. Our music department, under the competent direction of our pastor, W. W. Goins, is well organized and the students are enjoying the classes immensely and making rapid progress. The remaining classes are efficiently instructed by consecrated Christian teachers, including Fae Dyer, Lemmon, S. Dak., Beatrice Dodson, Texas; Henrietta Sanders, Dunseith, N. Dak. A new feature of the school this year is a complete business course managed by Esther L. Gingerich, Minot, N. Dak. This part of the school is located in the business section of town and is attended largely by local townspeople besides Bible School students.

With this co-operative group of teachers and students we are confident that much good will be accomplished, for the Lord is certainly with us.—Ruby Thomson, chairman of reporting committee.

Jesus The Mighty Healer

LONGBOUGH, Jam., B. W. I.—Dear saints, I thank God for His goodness to me today. I was a member of the Church of England for some years but did not realize the way of holiness until I found the blessed Church of God. Praise the name of Jesus. He saved me about eight years ago, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. Then I promised God I would serve Him to the end.

About the last week of July past I was seriously afflicted with my kidneys, which caused a great suffering in my body. It continued for three weeks but I still felt like trusting God for the healing of my body. I made a vow to trust Him when I was saved, for I knew all things were possible to Him, and thank God, I am healed. He doesn't patch but heals.

Saints, please pray for us, we have some loyal-hearted brethren and sisters who help to brace me up with their prayers. They stand for real holiness, sometimes travelling into the shadow of death. When I awake I hear prayers interceding for me. Please pray for me that I may be completely healed of all my afflictions. Pray for my baby, he is greatly afflicted and I feel like trusting God for his healing. I know He will heal though sometimes we may be counted foolish by the unsaved, for they cannot know the mysteries of God. Please pray for me and my husband that we may be faithful until death.—Miriam Higgins.

MONROE, Va.—I praise God for His great healing power. I promised Him if He would heal my baby I would testify to it. He had three terrible sores on his body. The nurse came in and wanted me to get some salve right away and put on them, but I wanted to trust God, so I wrote Brother L. G. Rouse for prayer and a handkerchief for him and praise His name forever, before I received the letter the sores had all gone. He also healed him of a terrible cough. My father was healed of a large growth on his body that had been there for fifteen years. Brother Rouse prayed for him and the thing vanished and there is not a sign of it left. It was so wonderful he said he could hardly believe his own eyes. Pray for us that God will heal our body and restore my health and strength so that I may be able to work for Him.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. D. F. Baldree.

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TRION, Ga.—I thank and praise God for His great healing power. I had a goitre and high blood pressure and He wonderfully healed me. Praise His dear name. I am glad I am serving the true and living God whom I can trust for the healing of my body.

Please pray for me, pray that my unsaved loved ones will come this way before it is too late.—Dixie Waits.

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